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The ladies of the Catholic church will give one of their enjoyable card parties next Wednesday evening in the church hall, Grand avenue and Fifteenth street.

Services at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Herbert Hopkins Brown, today. Theme for the morning worship, "The Thoughts of God." At 12:10 the Sabbath school convenes for Bible study. The Y. Y. S. C. E. convenes at 6:30 p. m. for devotional service. The pastor will preach in the evening on, "What Thomas Missed."

The Oregon & Montana Lumber Company has sold to J. L. Washburn 160 acres of land in section 24, township 6 north of range 8 west, for \$1000. The deed of transfer was filed yesterday.

as was also the deed by which Mary T. Strong and others convey to the city of Astoria lots 6 and 8, block 120, Shively's Astoria, for \$4000.

The condition of Charles Jordan remains about the same with little change either way. For a while last night the young man was thought to be in a weaker state than during the earlier part of the day, but there was nothing in his condition otherwise to cause alarm, and the brightest of hopes are extended by his attendants for his early recovery.

The school board of Astoria district has filed a petition with the clerk of the council asking permission to insure the Olney school building in the name of the city of Astoria, with the understanding that the board pay the premiums and collect on the policy, should loss occur. The matter will be acted upon at the meeting of the council a week from tomorrow night.

The leap year dance given last night

by the young ladies of the Florodora Club, was one of the most successful functions ever held under the auspices of that popular organization. A very large number of dancers were present and the evening was enjoyably passed. The management of the affair devolved upon Mrs. Gus Fricke and the success of the affair was due largely to her efforts.

Henry Green, the young man who last night accidentally shot Charles James, the shooting gallery man, is very much downcast over the affair. He is now in trouble for the first time in his life and feels his position keenly. He will be held at the county jail until perhaps tomorrow, when the case may be called before Justice Goodman. That Green will be discharged from custody is regarded as certain.

City Physician Pilkington reported last night that the scarlet fever and measles contagion was about over. There are but two cases of scarlet fever one at the Coe residence and one at the Enberg home, the latter in the east end. There are about 15 cases of measles in eight homes. During the week 10 cases were declared cured, while three new cases developed. Of the houses now under quarantine, two will be released today.

The will of the late Francis Hood, of Saginaw, Mich., who died September 21, 1895, at the age of 65, was filed for record in the county clerk's office yesterday. Testator bequeathed to his son, Frank G. Hood, \$10,000, and divided the remainder of his estate into four equal parts between the widow Jennie Y. Hood, a daughter, Emma A. sons, Frank G. and Henry O., the latter of Dresden, N. Y. Timber land belonging to the estate is located in Clatsop county.

With the filing of the suit against the A. & C. by James Flynn there has been some speculation as to the reason the attorneys for the plaintiff asked a nonsuit at the former trial. Similar action was taken by the attorneys in the case of Charlotte Grimberg vs. Columbia River Packers' Association. Mrs. Grimberg asked damages for the death of her husband, who fell from the rigging of a ship under charter to the packers. About that time the Bock case was on and it is the belief that the attorneys feared their case would be weakened if permitted to go on trial at the time the men who mulcted the city were convicted.

Norman Scott was arraigned before Justice Goodman yesterday afternoon for larceny, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 3 days' imprisonment in the county jail. Scott recently deserted from Vancouver Barracks. He was arrested at Westport by Sheriff Linville and brought here for trial. Scott left Vancouver about 10 days ago and headed for Astoria. On the Columbia river he appropriated a boat belonging to a man named B. Hays, who followed the culprit down the river and overtook him at Westport. The sheriff was then sent for. It is thought probable the officers at Vancouver will make request for the custody of Scott, that he may be punished under the military laws.

Through the good offices of Ben Nelson, a young diver of this city, the government cable in the lower harbor has been freed from the obstruction that has been such a source of annoyance of late. The wrecking steamer O. K. was detailed for the work, and young Nelson was engaged to do the diving. The obstruction proved to be the anchor and 15 fathoms of chain of the bark Hadyn Brown. Nelson found the cable entangled with the anchor and chain. He succeeded in straightening things up, and the equipment was picked up by the steamer. The job was neatly done, and the ambitious young diver deserves credit for the part he played in it, which was all important.

The annual report of the fish warden for 1903 shows that 10 canneries and nine cold-storage plants were operated on the Oregon side of the river. The number of gillnets used was 742; the number of setnets, 138; traps, 13; scow fish wheels, 10; stationary fish wheels, 25; drag seines, 37. There were 93 fish dealers on the Oregon side of the river. The total number of cases packed on the Oregon side was 244,137, while the amount of fresh, salted and smoked salmon shipped and consumed locally was 8,666,326 pounds. The total number of pounds of salmon caught on the Oregon side was 25,376,969. The total catch on the coast streams was 4,594,685 pounds. The estimated value of the product of the salmon fisheries of the state was \$3,012,343.

"The Silver Dagger" was the bill at Fishers' last night. It was well received by a large audience. The play has much of the humor characteristic

of the author, and many of the situations were irresistibly laughable. Tonight's bill is "A Royal Spy." This play was the one selected to introduce Clara Mathes and her company to all the cities of the coast last year and was favorably commented on by all the principal journals. The plot of the play is the Dreyfus case and affords much opportunity for action and incident. An amusing comedy element is added and even the most serious characters have a veiling of humor. "A Royal Spy" has been a great success with Clara Mathes when playing at regular prices and it will be presented here with the same cast. The sale of seats opens at 1 p. m. at the opera house.

Because a railway train struck James Flynn, broke most of the large bones in his body and caused him to lose his watch, that gentleman wants the Astoria & Columbia Railroad Company to pay him \$40,000. He wants the \$40,000 to compensate him for the injuries he suffered in the accident and the \$35 for his watch. The suit was filed yesterday in the circuit court. The accident occurred August 6, 1902, while Flynn was walking along the railroad trestle near the O. R. & N. Co.'s wharf. The complaint recites that the license of the defendant corporation gave it permission to maintain a footpath along the trestle and that he was on the path when the train came by; that the accident was due to the negligence of the company. He says his left collar bone was broken in two places, the left shoulder blade broken and crushed, his ribs likewise broken and crushed, one of them driven into his lung, and thigh bone broken and crushed. Permanent injuries are alleged to have been sustained by the man who lost his watch in the mixup. The suit was brought once before, but when called for trial Judge Bennett asked a postponement. This the attorneys for the A. & C. would not agree to, so Judge Bennett then asked a nonsuit, which was granted. At the former trial attorneys for the A. & C. indicated that they would base their defense on the condition of Flynn, who was said to have been more or less under the influence of liquor.

Efforts are now being made to have all gasoline launches of five tons register and over licensed in the same manner that steamers are licensed. Speaking of the matter, which affects principally lower Columbia river boat owners, Captain Will Pope, of Portland, said: "During the summer months there is quite a fleet of gasoline boats used in the lower harbor, about Astoria and Ilwaco. Of course, nothing is feared from that type operated as cannery tenders, as they seldom venture into the district about the bar, but where the regular steamer plying between Astoria and Ilwaco has been crowded to the limit allowed her by law, and orders have been sent to Astoria calling out a gasoline boat to care for the overflow. The latter craft would be loaded so that she carried equally as many souls as the steamer yet she was, in all probability operated by an engineer and captain who had no further experience than was gained in her, and none of the life-saving appliances demanded on steam craft were carried. The anchors on board would not be fit to hold her should she become disabled crossing the harbor and drift out to sea. As matters now stand it is impossible for the government to compel the carrying of life preservers on these boats under 15 tons, but, as numerous boats engage in passenger traffic that are smaller dimensions, the mariners feel the public is entitled to the same protection afforded on small steamers, and, on the other hand, the motor boat operators should be licensed with them when engaged in the same business."

### SMOOT CASE SET FOR TRIAL.

Senator to Be Tried Strictly on Church—Government Relations

Washington, Feb. 6.—Complete investigation of the protests against Senator Reed Smoot retaining his seat in the United States senate will begin March 1 before the committee on privileges and elections. The committee agreed to this date at a meeting held today, and Chairman Burrows was given unlimited power to summon witnesses if such a course shall be found to be necessary. A list of 59 witnesses was submitted by the protestants, and most of these will be here soon after March 1. It was determined that the hearing of the case shall be public.

The protestants who are now organizing to make the fight against Senator Smoot have declared that it is not their intention to enter into what are known as the Lellich charges. Former Representative R. W. Taylor has announced that it is the intention of his clients to try the case as respects the relations of the Mormon church to the United States government and the in-

trusion of a great hierarchy into the political affairs of the nation.

The witnesses to be summoned are, for the most part, members of the Mormon church. Among them are children alleged to be the offspring of polygamous marriages contracted since the manifesto of 1890. It is not determined whether such witnesses will be permitted by the committee to give testimony, as each question of the admissibility of testimony will be decided as it is reached in the hearings.

Ernest Robinson Married.  
Omaha, Feb. 6.—The marriage of Miss

Mary Kipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Ingram Kipp, of San Francisco, and granddaughter of the late Bishop Kipp, of California, and Ernest Robinson, a prominent Kansas City surgeon, was solemnized at Trinity cathedral today. Bishop Williams, of Omaha diocese of the Episcopal church performed the ceremony.

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